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Applicant: Ronald Carr

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Title: JOINT ASSEMBLY EMPLOYING MULTI-RING GASKET



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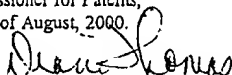
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Docket No.: P 97 194.024

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.182--QUESTIONS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR

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Greetings:

This is a petition under 37 CFR §1.182, requesting that certain payments made in the above-captioned patent application ("original application") be applied against the filing fee due in the continued prosecution application ("CPA") being filed concurrently herewith under 37 CFR §1.53(d).

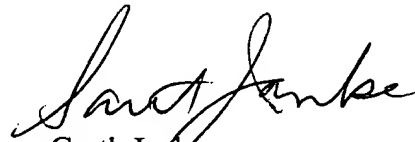
Applicant had timely submitted an Amendment after final rejection in the original application after final, including a \$273.00 check to cover the cost of 7 additional independent claims under 37 CFR §1.16(b). As was decided in a telephone conversation between the undersigned and the Examiner in the application, the Amendment was not entered. Nonetheless, the Examiner informed the Applicant that he had been charged \$273.00 by the Patent Office.

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In the CPA, there are 41 total claims and 8 independent claims, requiring a filing fee of \$729.00. Applicant requests that the \$273.00 paid in the original application be applied against this filing fee, leaving a total of \$456.00 owed to the Patent Office by Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Garth Janke".

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